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1. REGRET WE ARE NOT ABLE CONSIDER BUTROVA'S PROPOSAL HAVE BRITISH PLAYS JUMPERS, OR THE RULING CLASS AS COMPANION TO DESIRE. IT DEPT'S CONTINUING VIEW THAT BOTH MUST BE AMERICAN PLAYS. ELMER RICE'S STREET SCENE IS ONLY AMERICAN PLAY IN A.C.T.'S CURRENT REPERTORY.

2. ALSO NOT ABLE CONSIDER BUTROVA'S SECOND ALTERNATIVE HAVE A.C.T. SUBSTITUTE EXCERPTS FROM VARIOUS PLAYS IN CURRENT REPERTOIRE (ONLY ONE OF WHICH IS AMERICAN)A IT OPKN TO SAME OBJECTION. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, IS FACT THAT PROPOSAL TO PRESENT A MELANGE OF EXAMPLES IN HISTORY OF U.S. THEATER RANKS FAR BELOW THE LEGITIMATE STAGE IN INTELLECTUAL IMPACT AND CULTURAL STANDING. KISSINGER

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